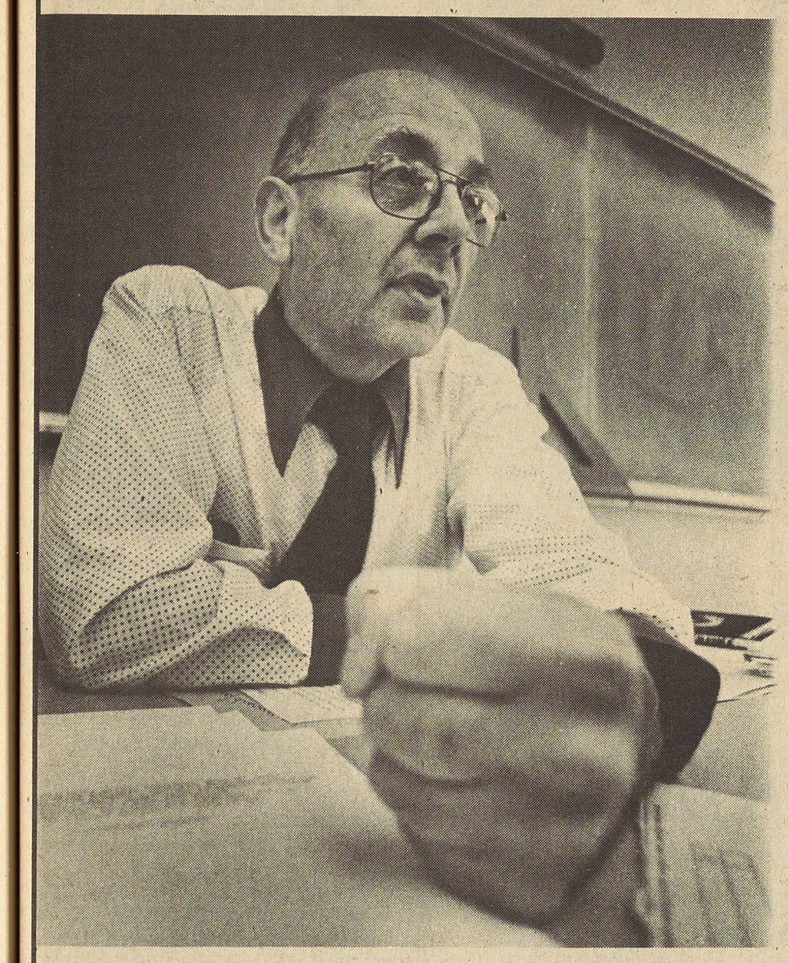
Professor Charges Reverse Discrimination



ALLEGED DISCRIMINATION—Cyrus Krishner, a Valley professor who feels that he was a victim of reverse discrimination, is shown pounding his fist in order to stress his point

Photo by Harry Fisher

Selection Committee One Being Accused

By MICHAEL GOULD
Assoc. City Editor

Charges of unfairness and irregularities in the actions of a selection committee at Valley College were lodged by Prof. Cyrus Kirshner last week.

Kirshner, a candidate for the job of consulting instructor of Valley's Learning Center, charged in a letter to American Federation of Teachers president Arnold Fletcher, that he was discriminated against by the committee because he is a White male.

"When I attempted to make the complaint to the Dean of Instruction Anatol Mazor, he told me that if I went through with it, I would never get a job in administration," Kirshner said.

Mazor said "no comment" when asked by the Star if he had made the statement.

Kirshner said he is afraid of what could be administrative revenge.

"When I found that grievance procedures on this campus are very unclearly defined, I forwarded the written complaint to Arnold Fletcher, president of the American Federation of Teachers," Kirshner said.

The complaint was filed not only because the committee was unfair, said Kirshner, but because some of the procedures of the committee were irregular.

Some unfair occurrences cited by Kirshner in his complaint are that a member of the selection committee was biased against him because of past disputes, that the consulting instructor's superviser made her preference known to the committee, and that one member of the committee had tried to disuade him from applying for the position.

Members of the selection committee were interviewed by the Star and they made the following comments:

Dr. George Herrick said, "Affirmative action did influence my decision, but only in a small way. I do feel that affirmative action regulations are self-contradictory."

Dean of Evening Instruction Ken Palmer, chairman of the selection committee, said, "In my opinion, all selections are made strictly on the basis of merit."

After being interviewed, Ed Samuels, professor of biology, said, "I will deny anything you quote me as saying."

Prof. Penelope Pollard said, "Affirmative action never entered into my mind when I made my decision."

Kirshner contends that the members of the committee were intimidated by the presence of Valley's affirmative action representative Sylvia Lubow.

Katherine Akers, who was chosen by the committee, said, "I think I am very

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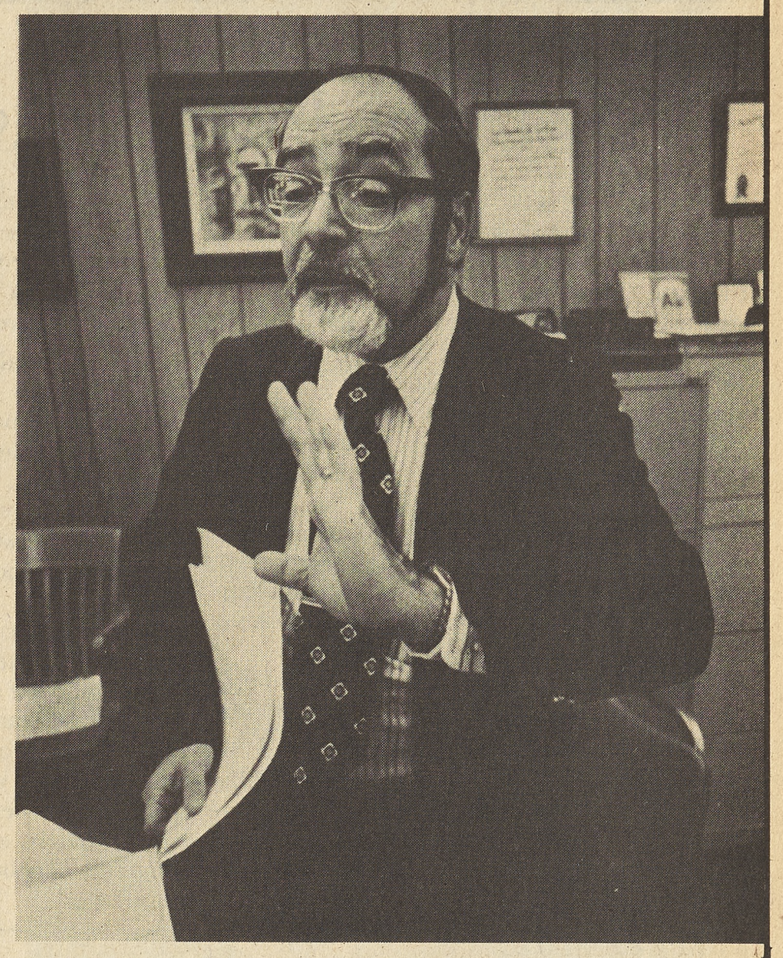

DEFENDING HIS STANCE—Anatol Mazor, dean of instruction at Valley, is shown refusing to talk about charges that he told Kirshner that he would not get a job in administration if he complained about reverse discrimination.

Photo by Harry Fisher

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Scardino Unseats A.S. President

Buzzin' Joe Scardino defeated incumbent A.S. President John Donohue by 19 votes in this week's Associated Student Organization elections.

The final vote tally was 190 for Scardino while Donohue received 171 votes.

In the race for vice-president Gigi Horowitz will get the opportunity to wear her "many hats" at A.S. Council meetings, as she outdistanced Jeff Weismann by 28 votes, winning 174 to 146.

In the only other race requiring a runoff, Linda Urette defeated Dwight Wineagar for the commissioner of campus improvements post.

In the general elections held last week Donald Ryan was re-elected by one vote, as he outpolled Randy Gottlieb 192-191.

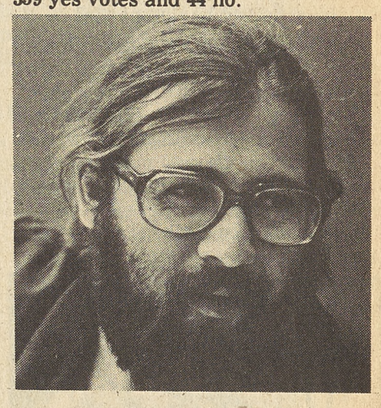
This is the second consecutive semester that an election has been determined by a single vote. Last semester David Whitelaw defeated Joe Scardino 242 to 241 in the race for A.S. vice-president.

In the other contested election decided last week Michael Moline collected 216 to Lon Luxemburg's 111 for the office of chief justice.

In the elections for offices that were unopposed several candidates did not receive a large vote of confidence from the electorate.

Theresa-Kathryn Scott who was elected commissioner of elections, however, 77 of the 401 students casting ballots marked their ballot with a "no" vote.

Sheri Kalivoda, A.S. treasurer was re-elected but also received less than a 90 percent mandate as she collected 359 yes votes and 44 no.



Buzzin' Joe Scardino

WHO'S TO BLAME?

Grades Inflate While Skills Decline

By MICHAEL GOULD
Assoc. City Editor

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles dealing with the Valley College Committee on Academic Standards and the Los Angeles Community College District Committee on Academic Standards.

Indications that grade inflation has been escalating at Valley despite a decline in the ability and motivation of students in the last five years have been reported in the study done by Valley's standards committee.

The committee reports that L.A. district statistics indicate that in the last 10 years there has been a sharp increase in the number of "A"s, and a decline in the number of "D"s and "F"s awarded at Valley.

In Fall '76, more "A"s were given at Valley than at any other college in the district, according to the district's statistics.

Ironically, the results of a poll taken of the faculty at Valley show more than 50 percent of the faculty answering the poll believe that student preparedness, reading comprehension, writing skills, computational skills, test performance, and motivation have declined.

"The faculty has been placed under insistent and increasing pressure to keep ADA and WSCH up and attrition rates down," says the committee's report.

ADA, average daily attendance, and WSCH, weekly student contact hours, are figures by which funding of the colleges in the L.A. district is determined.

"The result has been," continued the committee's report, "a slow but steady decline in the amount of reading and writing required of students and a rise in grades as instructors attempt to cope with inadequately prepared students and at the same time maintain enrollment."

Among the other reasons given for grade inflation by the committee was that a significant minority of Valley's faculty opposes the grading system and routinely issues "A"s and "B"s to entire classes.

Of this issue, dissenting committee member Steve Saltzman, associate

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Thursday Nights Only Time for Late Enrolling

"Near Riots" during enrollment have caused the initiation of a new policy allowing students who miss their appointments to enroll at a specified time afterwards.

Now people with missed appointments must either make a new appointment, enroll Thursday nights at 8 p.m., or acquire a proxy card from admissions and send a friend to register for them.

According to John Lee, assistant dean of admissions, these steps are being taken because the admissions office allows just 75 people to enroll in any one half hour. However, students who have missed their appointments have been coming late and being allowed to enroll in front of persons already waiting in line with proper appointments. This sometimes doubles the number people in line.

"This is grossly unfair," said Lee. "I've had to put down near riots a couple of times," because the people with valid appointments have to buck long lines due to the influx of people who have missed their time.

Lee believes the new procedures will expedite enrollment, and backed up his belief by pointing to the results of a questionnaire filled out by students enrolling. The question asked was, "How do you evaluate our enrollment procedures?"

Of the 617 students responding, 80 percent rated enrollment procedures as being good or excellent.

Pool No Longer Has 'Dry Look'

Valley College students are one step closer to being able to use the swimming pool, as water flowed into it for the first time Wednesday of last week.

"We've waited a long time for this moment," said an enthused Donald Brunet, dean of administrative services, as he described what his feelings were as the first water trickled into the new pool.

The same Wednesday night, the pool encountered its very first occupant, Ed Donoghue, who is pool custodian. Donoghue, however, was a somewhat unwilling swimmer, as he was pushed, clothes and all, into the as yet unheated and unfiltered water by workers.

Donoghue, almost one week later, willingly took the first plunge from the new high diving board (this time with swim suit so he could enter the water to retrieve debris apparently thrown in by vandals.

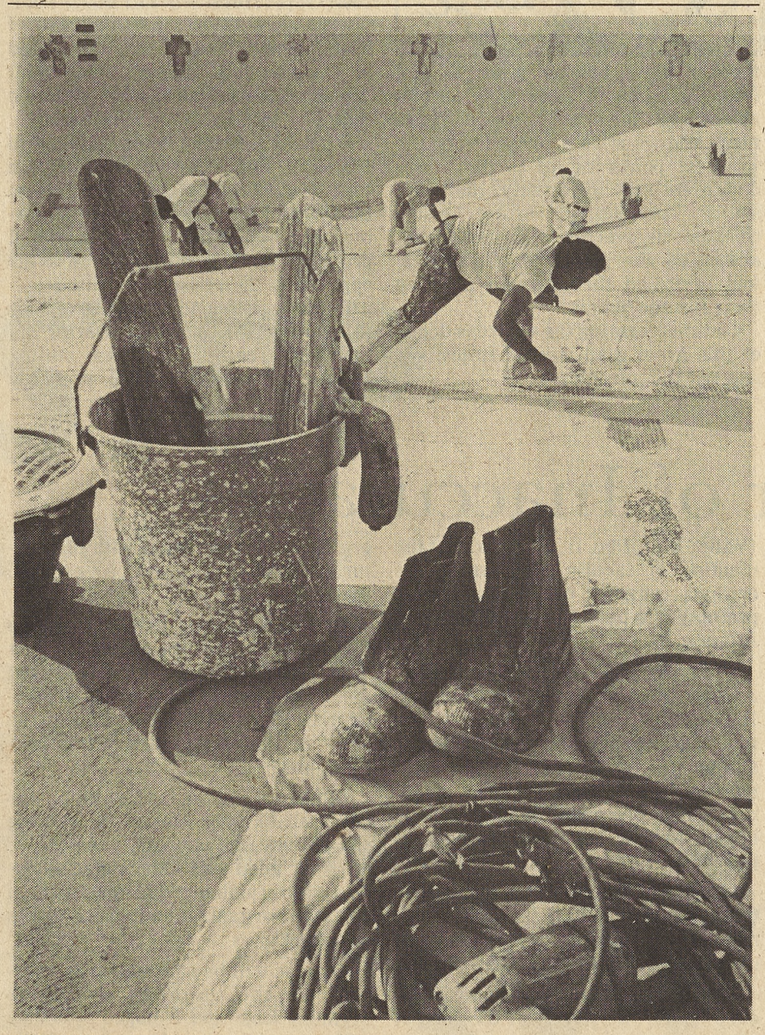
The pool and accompanying dressing facilities are presently 95 percent complete. The main thing left to be accomplished is an inspection of work completed by the district, contractor, and college administrators. The pool must meet certain standards before it can be put to full use.

Brunet stated that he was very pleased by the work done by the contractor who built the pool from start to finish, Boctor Homes. "Everything was coordinated so well. It's as perfect as job as I've ever seen," he said.

The target date for the official dedication of the pool is mid-January, with college President Dr. Alice Thurston presiding over the ceremony. The pool will then be officially ready to accommodate P.E. classes, athletics, and the community at large.

Ray Follosco, coordinator of community services, is in charge of setting up various sports programs for the community. He says he is currently trying to find out the needs of the community when it comes to public swim programs.

Some of the programs he is formulating include instruction for the novice, physical fitness programs for the handicapped, synchronized swimming, and other recreational activities.



FINISHING TOUCHES—Workers are shown putting the final few touches to the pool which was filled with water last Wednesday and will be ready for use sometime in mid-January.

Star Photo by Andy Zuckerman

Illegal Alien Issue Probed by VC Profs

By GLORIA BEVERAGE
Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles dealing with national problems and how Valley professors view these situations.

"As long as there are people who will work for lower wages, American companies will seek them out," stated Samuel Mayo, professor of history, in a recent interview.

"That," he continued, "is the capitalistic way of life."

Mayo pointed out that during World War II the United States encouraged Mexican citizens to come across the border to fill jobs left vacant by men fighting in the war. At the end of the war the "Bracero Program" was officially terminated.

And yet, Mayo stated "the die had already been cast. The tradition was already there."

Mexican citizens, encouraged by American corporations and farm owners, have continued to surreptitously cross the border. "As long as there are people in northern Mexico who are starving," Mayo explained, "they will find their way across the border to seek jobs."

Contrary to popular belief, Mayo feels the so-called illegal alien is not taking away jobs from American citizens. "Most people prefer jobs that pay more, offer more prestige and have better working conditions," Mayo stated. "The illegal alien, however, will accept the undesirable jobs, such as farm labor."

Mrs. Carmen Parr, Associate Professor of Chicano studies agrees the illegal alien does not deprive the American citizen of jobs. However, she explained, "they are being exploited. The worker cannot complain about the working conditions because he is afraid of being reported to the imigration officials and returned to Mexico."

How, then, can the U.S. deal with the illegal aliens?

Parr believes the issue is too complex. "If we had the answers it would have been solved a long time ago," she added.

Two possible solutions, according to Parr, having inherent problems.

"People have suggested fining the employer for hiring illegal aliens," Parr stated. "But if the employer knows he will be fined, he will avoid hiring anyone who even slightly resembles a Mexican. Thus, many Mexican-American citizens could be refused jobs on the basis of their looks."

Another suggestion, Parr continued, would be to require people to carry a card stating their U.S. citizenship. "But," Parr asked, "where can you get a card that will not be duplicated?"

Groups, such as the Klu Klux Klan, have attempted their own solution—that of patrolling the border and thus preventing Mexicans from crossing into the U.S.

"The Klu Klux Klan's actions will not solve something that is not that simple to solve," Parr explained. "You may send the Mexicans back, but they will continue to attempt to return to the U.S."

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STAR EDITORIAL

Society Programs Slurs

Blacks are "Niggers," Jews are "Kikes," Irish are "Micks," Puerto Ricans are "Spics," Italians are "Dagos," Mexicans are "Wetbacks," and Whites are "Honkies."

At least according to some influential people at Valley College.

Individuals in the Associated Students Organization Council and teachers on staff have used, abused, let slip, or just exercised poor judgment in the terms they have used to elaborate their points.

The latest in this series of poor judgments came from Donald Ryan, Associated Men's president, who proposed a bookswap to help keep students from having to pay for new books at the new-book prices.

As he said, with this booksale, we will be able to bypass the bookstore and, "no offense to the Jewish people, but you can Jew them down."

"No offense to the Jewish people?" What should they do, thank him? Fortunately, there were a few individuals in the A.S. Council meeting who objected immediately and Ryan apologized.

But a teacher of a History class did not apologize after alluding to Catholic girls as "whores." Nor when the teacher went on to ask, "Do you think that I would have a degenerate Catholic girl working in my office?"

This editorial is more than just an indictment of individuals who use the terms, it is an indictment of our college and society as a whole for tolerating them and therefore allowing then to be perpetuated.

At a time of year when people give lip service to "goodwill toward men," the true season's greetings include derogatory ethnic and racial slurs.

Rather than complacently accepting these slurs and stereotype terms and letting the incident pass, people who are involved in a conversation where one of these slangs appears should object.

Let the user of such verbal assaults know that his limited vocabulary should be taken somewhere where it can be appreciated.

Fortunately, any place where these uses of the language can be appreciated is void of human population.

INSIGHT

America's Melting Pot Disbanding

By GLORIA BEVERAGE
Staff Writer

For many years America advocated the concept of the melting pot, a nation where all cultures would be absorbed and united into one people.

The general feeling was that one was identified as an American rather than as a French-American or Mexican-American.

However, the notion of America as a melting pot has by and large been abandoned. As a result of the activism of the 1960's this nation's people now think of themselves as belonging to a pluralistic society.

Ethnicity is the "in thing" today. Everyone, it seems is interested in his or her roots and heritage.

Ethnic studies programs have become an integral part of the curriculum of many colleges and universities. Books, such as Alex Haley's "Roots," encourage people to search out their ancestors.

At the same time concern with a person's ethnicity has ensnared many people into the practice of stereotyping.

All too often I have heard the astonished, "But you don't look Mexican!" in response to the relevation of my heritage.

And yet, what does a Mexican look like? Or the "typical" Jew or German?

Doesn't that remark suggest the person has a stereotyped image of what a particular ethnic group should look like?

The same pattern is reflected when the conversation turns to last names. "Beverage? Where does your name come from? Are you English or what?"

The information derived from just such a question could provide only superficial background about the person.

Or it could allow one to develop a stereotyped image of the personality.

Why not simply judge people as individual human beings rather than as part of a particular ethnic group?

Next time you are tempted to ask people about their ethnic background, ask yourself first why you want to know.

Remember the advice of Sir Walter Scott, a poet, "When a man has not a good reason for asking, he has one good reason for letting it alone."

PERSPECTIVE

Three Views of the Holidays

CHRISTIAN

By PATRICK BOWER
Feature Editor

Ho, Ho, Ho boy, here it comes again. Christmas.

Not the celebration of Christmas, but the selling of it.

For the remaining two weeks we will be bombarded from all sides with the Christmas hype.

Radio, TV, magazines, newspapers, everywhere you turn you'll see the message "buy, buy, buy."

You'll hear it from your kids, from your spouse.

It will jump out at you from billboards as you drive down the street.

There is no escape.

Christmas is not just a season for buying gifts and having parties.

Or an excuse for a couple of days off from work or school, when snow covers the earth with its white blanket.

Just once I'd like to see a Christmas where the true meaning of it is not lost.

Once where the real meaning is not destroyed by the selling of Christmas.

What is its true meaning?

To me it's a story about a baby child who was born of a virgin and died 33

years later on a cross for the forgiveness of all mankind.

In celebrating Christmas we should remember the birth of that life that was given for us.

To me that is the meaning of Christmas.

It is the most wonderful day of the year. The day mankind was set free.

Christmas should be cherished and loved. And love is most important because it is what was shown that day on the cross for us all.

AGONOSTIC

By JIM BOLAND
Editor-in-Chief

First, I'm not your typical agnostic. I believe in a supreme being, I just can't find a religion that is compatible with my perception of how God would conduct himself.

Still, I am affected by the holiday season in both positive and negative ways.

I could harp on the commercialism of the season, but whom would I be fooling? I certainly don't know anyone who doesn't enjoy receiving presents.

My biggest gripe of the holiday season is with the once-a-year worshippers. These "good Christians and Jews" who sprint to Church or Temple to make their token appearance of the year. They probably view it as a premium payment to insure their right to enter the hereafter.

The days right before Christmas are more laid-back, due to the vacation from school and the added days off from work. But not being a very relaxed person in the first place, I enjoy Dec. 24 when I can finally start my shopping. I love hustling around Bullocks watching all the polite shoppers knife each other in the back as they try to get the last of a particular item in stock. The true Christmas spirit.

Despite seeing the good and bad, I really do like this time of year. I get to break out my Nat King Cole Christmas album, have a couple of drinks, and party with those I'm close to.

But I say in all sincerity, my biggest regret concerning Christmas is that there is no Santa Claus.

JEW

By MARK RUBINCHIK
Staff Writer

Hanukkah for me is a time of exhilaration.

The commemorate of the freedom of my Jewish brothers and sisters from the cruel hands that tried to rend an inherent belief from their heads is truly a landmark.

This feeling of freedom; of being allowed by society to believe what you want to believe gives a feeling of safety, which has for the Jewish people, been so rare in the past.

Being a Jew is both a blessing and a curse. A blessing because Jews, to my biased eyes, are some of the most caring people in the world. The curse is people see you with hate, who want to obliterate you because of your kindness.

I personally do not really believe in the light that burned eight days, the holy miracle and such, but merely the theology and philosophy of Hanukkah.

Historically, the story of Hanukkah is one of swash-buckling dash and gallant valor. Judah Macabee and his cohorts went on a deadly guerrilla war against the Seleucians who had the

meeker Jews bowing down to idol Gods; effigies of lions with human appendages hewn out of stone. These mere statues were supposed to be the greatest power of all to the Jews? Judah thought differently, and with swift, calculating, brutal effectiveness, he overthrew the Selucians, destroyed the pagan temple's idols, and liberated the Jews to practice their former beliefs.

Commemerating the valorous deeds of this great man is what impresses me, not the miracles.

REFLECTIONS

Campaign Tricks Lack Imagination

By JIM BOLAND
Editor-in-Chief

Sometimes I become ridden with the most terrible pang of guilt when I find myself admiring illegal or unethical practices.

I don't mean the everyday run of the mill crimes, but the ones with a little originality. For instance, when the man parachuted out of the airliner with $500,000 I kind of hoped that he would get away with it. So far he has.

I mention this because watching several of the A.S. candidates and their supporters canvas the campus the last two weeks, I've seen the boring and unimaginative slurs I detest.

While the words "dirty" and "politics" are becoming synonomous to more people each day, there are still people who have raised political pranksterism to an afficionado level.

Dick Tuck and Donald Segretti would never stoop to the level Valley's young bureaucrats have. Setting posters on fire is so juvenile. Covering up someone else's poster, with one of your own, requires no more imagination than the children on Romper Room possess. Is that symbolic?

From talking to the candidates and their supporters I heard of no complaints about the campaigning style of Matt Marshall, the first one eliminated in the election. However, Marshall appeared to have an ally the other two didn't . . . apathy. More symbolism?

I got the feeling from talking to Marshall that if he won the election that would be all right, but if he lost that would be all right too. Unfortunately, one of the reasons Marshall probably felt this way was due to his opponents' thumbsucking attitudes.

If my girlfriend was Black, as Marshall's is, I think that hearing my opponents campaign aides calling Blacks "niggers" would probably diminish my interest also. Marshall was also the victim of the campus pyromaniac.

Oh well, the elections will be over by the time this column is read, but all of you who lose remember to run for those vacant positions that no one ran for in the general election.

What a system. It's not a matter of whether you win or lose, just a question of when you finally are elected. "And the more things change the more they stay the same."

CONVERSATION

For $250 You Can Be Money-Hungry

By SHERYL RABOY
News Editor

I guess that old adage is true: "There's a sucker born every minute."

Would you believe there's a new therapy group called Prosperity Training, where one pays $250 a session to be taught to love money?

What some people won't go through to get rid of their hangups!

The training, started for those people who feel guilty about having too much money, and those who feel puzzled that they have too little, involves methods of behavior modification, such as the playing of financial games, imagining money piling up on one's lap, and chewing dollar bills.

The creator of Prosperity Training, Leo Sunshine, 28, a former jewelry dealer whose investments in gold and silver already have made him independently wealthy, apparently feels that while he's making others comfortable about success, he's helping out his own cause—his already bulging bank account.

Sunshine's trainees, besides playing games, pair off for another mode of therapy to boost their sense of superiority. The partners take turns shouting at one another, "You're weak, you're weak, you're noodle weak!"

The basic message, "It's O.K. to feel good about yourself and get rich," is apparently working.

Sunshine must feel great about his own success.

In fact, some customers like the training so well, many have taken the course two and three times. Some even pay as much as $5,000 for private lessons!

Some people complain there just aren't any good money-making schemes around these days. People are just too smart to be suckered into phoney deals with magic-sounding pitches of prosperity and wisdom.

Not so.

Prosperity Training, (akin to Rip-Off Training), is alive and well in San Francisco, drawing as big a crowd, if not the same crowd, that prompted P.T. Barnum to utter his famous "sucker born every minute" line.

Well, now that I've done my civic duty to warn you about one of society's "evils," excuse me, for I'm late for my meeting with a man who claims cottage cheese prevents cancer.

He says there are 30 people enrolled in his group, who collectively eat cottage cheese out of a large wooden bowl, while listening to Johnny Mathis records; so far, none of them have been afflicted with the dreaded disease!

(P.S.—he can guarantee, for $100 a session, three times a week, that you will be free of cancer—or your money back!)

LETTERS TO THE STAR

Thurston Accuses Star of Inaccuracies

Dear Editor,

The article in last week's Star on my report to the Board of Trustees contained several errors; one was the result of lack of information; the other two were related to the connotation of words. Connotations are important elements in communication.

The banner headline in the December 1 Star read, "**THURSTON, AFT CONFRONT BOARD.**" Confront, a word which implies hostility, was totally inaccurate in describing my presentation. I spoke, at the Board's invitation, along with our eight other college presidents. We were all pleased at the opportunity to discuss success and anticipated needs of our colleges. Also, according to the article, I "complained" that Valley's classroom facilities needed to be upgraded. The connotation of complain is to find fault and make a charge. This was not my case. I was merely indicating our future facilities needs at Valley College.

In speaking of the cultural arts complex, a quote was inserted from John Donohue to the effect that this project is "in limbo." Unfortunately Mr. Donohue's information was not up-to-date. Friday I served with Board members on a committee to select the architect who will do preliminary drawings for the entire project. Final selection will be made by the Board, probably in mid-January.

Thank you for this opportunity to set the record straight. Words used in your paper are important to us all and need to be used with great precision.

Alice Thurston
President

Spokesman Clarifies Athusoc's Objective

Dear Editor,

Reading the news story "Club Advisers Meet To Revise Guidelines" (Valley Star, Dec. 1), I learned that the meeting of faculty advisers to the campus religious organizations was prompted, in part, by the formation of Athusoc.

To clear up possible confusion, Athusoc is not a religious organization. Its faculty adviser attended the meeting (a meeting closed to students) simply to watch out for the best interests of humanism. (His quiet, reasoning presence would, it was hoped, help to keep the proceedings peaceful).

Athusoc values and recognizes as the prime social unit the individual, not "groups." It's individualistic and concerned with people as individuals.

Ms. Harwood, as quoted, mentioned each "club" working "for the good of all."

Athusoc is not a "club" in the sense of a recreational or hobby club, but a serious philosophical campus organization concerned with intellectual, ideological, and educational matters.

An individualistic person is aware that in the phrase "the good of all" the "all" too often means "everybody but me." The "good of all" is best achieved when each individual making up the "all" is allowed to pursue (his/her) own good.

Athusoc, as a voluntary, individualistic organization, is working reasoningly and peacefully to achieve its own good—without violating by coercion or violence the equal right of any other organization to work for its own good.

Athusoc will be as friendly as possible to the campus religious organizations, and it hopes that they will not gang up on it or degrade its values. Live and let live.

Rob Myers
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Being Handicapped Is No Problem; Wrestler Now, Car Racing Is Next

By PAT BOWER
Feature Editor

His face is turning crimson from the concentrated effort needed to push his opponents arm to the table top. The muscles in his neck bulge out, making elongated cords, running from his chin to his well-muscled shoulders. Groaning with a final surge of strength, he forces his opponents's arm to the table.

Sitting back in his wheelchair the victor, Paul Manochio, a Valley student rests for a few second to regain his normal coloring.

A smile breaks out on his boyish face.

"I can't handle the 'It can't be done attitude,' says Manochio. If life has to be this way, with my handicap, then it's going to be so. I'll make the best out of it."

Manochio was born 18 years ago with spinal bifida, a rare congenital disorder where the motor nerves of the lower spine are missing. This caused him to be paralyzed from the waist down.

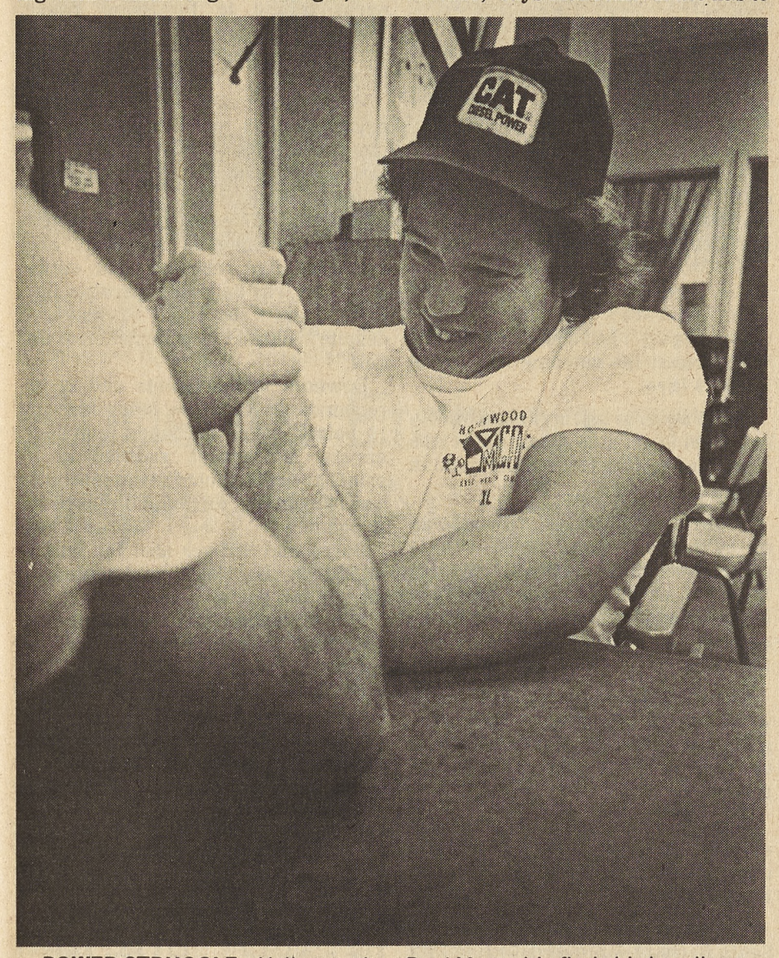
"Being handicapped has never been a problem with me, says Manochio. "I lead a normal life and am able to do most anything. One of these days people won't notice me for my handicap, but for my abilities as a person."

Manochio approaches life with vigor, aggressiveness and a smile on his face. He is now studying public relations at Valley and hopes to work in the field upon graduation with the WPA, World Professional Armwrestlers, whom he now competes with. Most recently he wrestled in Huston, Tx. in a nationally-televised tournament.

"I like to armwrestle, says Manochio. "My father built a special platform that rests on top of my wheelchair to put me at the proper level for wrestling. I don't have the leverage of my legs that most wrestlers do, so I wrestle completely with my shoulders and arms.

One might think Manochio's life would also be a struggle because of his handicap, but he doesn't let it get in his way. Not only does he armwrestle, but Manochio plays tennis, street football, and basketball. Next in line he says is stock car racing.

"My next goal is to become a race car driver and run stock cars. And, I'm going to do it."



POWER STRUGGLE—Valley student Paul Manochio finds his handicap of not being able to walk, no handicap at all. He wants to drive stock cars some day, and presently competes in arm-wrestling tournaments.
Star Photo by Tom Neerken

HAPPY HOLIDAYS—Members of the Star staff wish all students, faculty, administrators, and campus workers a happy holiday season and a pleasant vacation. Sitting (L to R) Allan Adler, Gloria Beverage, Jim Boland. Standing Harry Fisher, Santa Claus, Albert Arouh, Michael Gould, David Krushell, Sheryl Raboy. Tree people Andy Zuckerman, Pat Bower, Tom Neerken. Shoulder person Hunter Lowry. Vacation starts this coming Monday and school will reopen Jan. 3.
Star Photo by Allan Adler

Weymann Selected Professor of Month

By SHARON KLAPPER
Staff Writer

Playing third base on his high school baseball team and later being drafted by the New York Giants, Charles Weymann never thought he would end up as a teacher.

Weymann, now a professor of political science at Valley College was recently named "professor of the month" over several other candidates, who were nominated by students, then voted upon by a professor of the month committee.

Weymann is a member of the HHLPS (History Humanities Law Political Science) department at Valley. He has had this position since 1966, and enjoys his teaching career.

"As far as political science is concerned, we have a limited offering of courses," Weymann stated. "I don't have a favorite course. It really depends upon the individual class."

There are rewarding parts of any class, Weymann feels, and there are parts that are necessary to plow through before the subject can be dealt with, "but hopefully there is the enjoyment of learning new things," he stated.

An instructor for almost 20 years, Weymann had never really liked political science while in school.

After realizing baseball wasn't everything, Weymann pursued his education at USC as a journalism major who had to take political science courses as part of his major.

"I had some of the most excellent instructors who got me turned on not only to political science, but school in general," Weymann related.

As time went on he eventually earned his bachelor's and master's degrees, and then his Ph.D.

After being granted his secondary teaching credentials, this former professional baseball player began to teach political science, and has been "enjoying it immensely" ever since.

Choosing a professor of the month is not a popularity contest, as one is 'graded' on achievements, recommendations by students, and an interview, all which determine the finalist.

The professor of the month is honored at Associated Students' Organization meetings, where he is presented with a framed certificate of outstanding achievement.

Jewish Awareness Celebrated

By GERALD SITSER
Staff Writer

In commemoration of Hanukkah, Valley College's semi-annual Jewish Awareness Week brought seminars, cinema, and songs to Valley students and their guests last week.

Israeli Ambassador Zvi Brosh, representative to the southwestern United States, delivered a timely message to 150 people in Monarch Hall where he spoke on the recent Middle East venture for peace by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Brosh, who speaks regularly on college campuses, cautioned the United States to prepare itself for a back seat role in the current Middle East situation.

No longer in the news but just as timely, was last year's daring commando raid by Israeli forces on Entebbe Airport, which was dramatized in a television special shown on video-tape to a small, but enthusiastic group at Valley.

Another kind of terrorism, the inhuman brutalitites inflicted upon Jews and other minorities in Nazi Germany, was brought shockingly to life in Edward Musgka's excellent French documentary, "Night and Fog," shown with English sub-titles.

Breaking away from this serious mold was the Israeli film "Lupo."

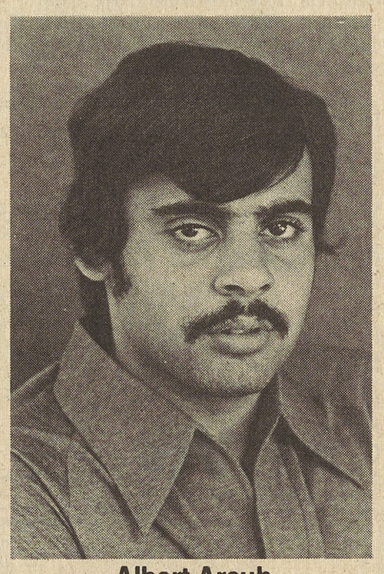
Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein, director of the Valley Hillel council, questioned the survival of Judaism in a "secular" America, while Zev Garber, chairman of the Jewish Studies Department at Valley, detailed the historical background of Hanukkah with a slide presentation on the evolution of the menorah, the eight branched candleabra whose candles are lit to celebrate the victory of the Maccabbees over their enemies in a battle more than 2,000 years ago.

The week reached a festive peak Thursday evening as 150 people gathered in Monarch Hall to dance and sing to Danny Ben-Ami and the Sabras, and feast on the catering of a local deli and ice cream shop.

As was done throughout the week, a menorah was lit at the start of the evening; five candles were inflamed by Ofer Touboul, Commissioner of Jewish Studies, who also led the customary prayer.

Comments of the week ranged from "interesting" to "beautiful," with a general consensus of "glad I came."

Arouh Named Editor For Spring Semester



Albert Arouh

Albert Arouh, current city editor of the Valley Star has been named editor-in-chief for the spring '78 semester by the six journalism advisers.

Arouh, a 20-year-old journalism major in his fifth semester at Valley, stated his main goal is "to increase readership by having a newspaper that the students will want to read. One way of doing this will be by stating the views of Valley professors on national issues, where they have a degree of expertise."

Leo Garapedian, journalism dept. chairman, stated that "It was one of the toughest decisions we have had to make in recent semesters. There were three fine candidates."

Jim Boland, current Star editor-in-chief said, "Due to Albert's ability to work well with people, I'm confident that he and his staff will put out a paper that they can be proud of."

As editor, Arouh's next responsibility will be to name a staff.

VC Advisory Committee Renders Staff Influential

After six months of negotiations between Valley College faculty and administration, a compromise committee was formed giving the faculty a larger voice in curriculum decisions.

"In the last two years the faculty association has become extremely concerned with the actions of the administration in relation to curriculum. We felt the faculty should have a larger voice," said Valley's Curriculum Committee Chairwoman Pat Blakeslee.

The committee will act as an advisory body to the president of the college, and will have the responsibility of recommending policies and approving curricular proposals, says Blakeslee.

This committee, which replaces the old Program Action Committee and Senate Curricular Committee, will review and recommend policies and proposals concerning curriculum, general education, graduation requirements, transfer requirements, academic standards, new courses, programs, and/or additions or deletions, and related matters, according to Blakeslee.

What's Happening

Search for a Christmas Star

At this time of year the brightest stars can be seen. J.T. Hodge of the Griffith Observatory will be the guest lecturer in a Valley College Community Services-sponsored planetarium show entitled "Winter Sky and Christmas Star." This show can be seen, free of charge, on Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m., in the College Planetarium. It is advised to arrive early, as seating is limited.

Karamu Feast, Film Festival

There will be a Black film festival, featuring the films "Cry the Beloved Country" and "Last Graves at Dimbaza," today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Cafeteria Conference room, in celebration of the Black holiday Kwanzaa. On Friday, Dec. 16, a final day Community Feast will terminate the week's-long Kwanzaa celebration, at North Pacoima Park, 12560 Filmore Ave, from 2-6 p.m.

Caroling Cavalcade

Anyone interested in caroling the 23rd of this month around the Valley College area, contact Associated Students President John Donohue, either at home, 365-8808, or at his office at Valley, extension 361.

Club News

Recognized clubs on Valley's campus are invited to include their club activities, on or off campus but restricted to the general locale, in the Valley Star.

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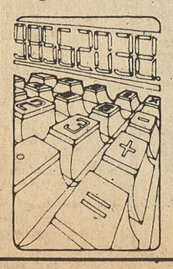

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Hockey Club Skates Past Irvine, 8-1

Despite owning a first place record of 5-1-1 in the Southern California Collegiate Hockey Association, the Valley Hockey team cannot afford to "rest" over Christmas Vacation.

The Monarchs will open up with Pierce after the holidays, the only undefeated conference team. Valley is in first place in the league because they have more points and have played more games.

Valley will be trying to avenge an 8-1 loss by the Brahmas in November when Pierce broke open a close game in the second period—a familiar pattern in Pierce games this year.

The Monarchs are coming off an "un-impressive" 9-1 win over Irvine. "Un-impressive", because Valley winger John Cook said of the game, "We played terrible. That's an indication of how bad they are."

Randy Gottleib and Rob Walker each tallied three-goal hat tricks for the Monarchs, who out-shot Irvine 37-10. Tony Budney and John Basile split the goal-tending duties for Valley.

ANTICIPATION—Monarch cagers John McDonough (left) and Dwight Strayer (far right) await the rebound at the free throw line alongside two unidentified Cerritos hoopsters. Valley lost the game 98-89. Turnovers ruined the Monarchs performance at the McKenney, Levy Basketball Classic last week, falling to Santa Barbara, 79-67, and Long Beach, 93-86.

Star Photo by Craig Molenhouse

Turnovers Cause Stephens Anguish

By TONI DRAKE
Sports Editor

When Valley's basketball team traveled to Santa Barbara for the MacElhenny, Levy Basketball Classic last week, it was with great hope that they would return with a trophy and an improvement of their pre-season record, but instead, they acquired two losses and a "disillusioned" coach.

The Monarchs will again test their abilities, as they migrate to Chaffey College for the Chaffey Invitational Dec. 15, 16, and 17 at 7 p.m.

SANTA BARBARA 79, VALLEY, 67

Valley was convicted of 24 turnovers, costing them their first loss of the tournament to the mighty Santa Barbara Vaqueros, 79-67.

The Monarchs played a respectable game, but could not contend with Santa Barbara's size (their tallest man being 6'9") and shooting abilities. Nonetheless, the outcome was not in Valley's favor.

SB's Vaqueros fast broke to a whooping 42-29 half time lead, while the Monarchs trotted to the lockeroom in disgust.

Valley's chivalrous effort was headed by forward Steve Scott with 14 points. John McDonough attributed for 12 points, seven rebounds, and three interceptions, while John Downum swished in 12 and executed six rebounds.

Russ Peterson did not perform as well as he did in the Moorpark Tournament two weeks ago, but was still able to rack up 10 points and eight rebounds.

John Barnhart had a slow 10 point evening, as did, Jim Holland, who had nine points, five rebounds, and two interceptions.

The game was never in doubt, as Santa Barbara was overpowering with the excellent shooting skills of Dan Pagliotti, Eddie White, and Rob Robinson.

LONG BEACH 93, VALLEY, 86

Turnovers once again ruined Valley's performance, (as it did the previous evening against Santa Barbara) falling to the Long Beach Vikings, 93-86, in a game that concluded the Monarchs participation in the tourney.

Valley accounted for 18 turnovers, but there was one consulation, the Monarchs shot well from the free throw line, completing 20 out of 23 attempts.

Scott played his best game of the new season, swishing in 21 points and executing five rebounds. The entire first half was headed by Scott's fine poise and shooting consistency, despite Valley's two point deficit at the half.

Downum had 17 points and seven rebounds, as Peterson followed, with 16 points, seven rebounds, and four assists. McDonough swished in 10 points and contributed seven rebounds and two assists, as Holland racked up 12 points.

Burns and Strayer shot for four a piece, as Barnhart contributed a measly two points.

The Monarchs were down by one with four minutes remaining in the contest, but key mistakes left Valley wide open to attack from the Vikings, and they did just that.

Long Beach went into spread offense in the last minutes of the period, to defeat the Monarchs by a seven point margin.

Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Dec. 15	Chaffey Tournament	There	T.B.A.
Dec. 16	Chaffey Tournament	There	T.B.A.
Dec. 17	Chaffey Tournament	There	T.B.A.
Dec. 20	Glendale	There	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 22	Moorpark	There	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 28	College of Desert Tourney	There	T.B.A.

Three Valley Football Players Chosen for All-American Team

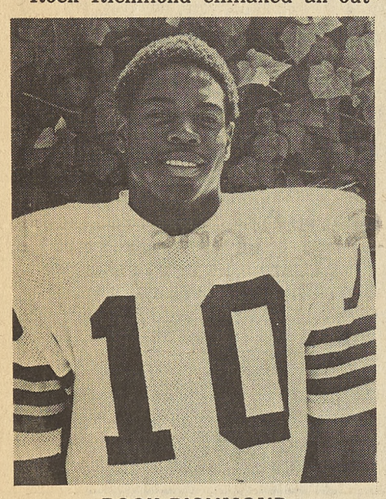
By JOE LOVELL
Assoc. Sports Editor

All year long, Valley's football coaches have been "singing the praises" of their talent-laden team, who stood out as one of the Monarch's outstanding grid teams.

Apparently they were heard.

The JC Grid Wire chose three Valley College players for all-American laurels, which is based on the recommendations of coaches and sportswriters around the country.

Rock Richmond climaxed an outstanding career at Valley by being named to the first-team Junior College all-American squad as a defensive back, while linebacker Vic Vasu and offensive guard Mark Moiseyev received Honorable Mention.



ROCK RICHMOND

As a freshman last year, Richmond led the Metro Conference in interceptions with eight, had four more this year, and made the first team all-Metro both seasons. Against Bakersfield this year, Richmond thrilled the record crowd with a dazzling 66-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Recruited heavily by many schools, Richmond is leaning toward the University of Oregon, where former Valley head coach John Becker is an assistant, and the University of Colorado, following another great Monarch defensive back, Odis McKinney. McKinney made the Big-8 first team the past two years.

A running back last year, Vasu was coaxed to play on the other side of the line this past season by linebacker coach Lennie Cuifo.

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"I explained to him why I needed him on defense," said Cuifo, "and he calmly replied, "that's cool."

Vasu cooly excelled as linebacker, getting in on an incredible 120 tackles, blocked two punts, caused five fumbles, was credited with four sacks, recovered three fumbles, and intercepted a pass. In nine games.

Valley's "Green Machine" rolled up over 2,200 yards by rushing this year (second best in the school's history), due to an excellent offensive line, led by Moiseyev.

"Mark has the size (6'2", 240) and speed (4.7/40) to be a great lineman at a four-year school," answered head coach Steve Butler.

VC FALLS TO SOUTHWESTERN

Matmen Upset LBCC

By HAL KLEIN
Staff Writer

Coming off a loss to Southwestern College, the Monarchs' wrestling team kept their Metropolitan Conference undefeated streak going, as they upset the Long Beach Vikings 28-25 this past week.

VC has a record of a 4-3-1 overall, and a outstanding 2-0 record to put the Monarchs on top of the Metropolitan Conference.

Before breaking for two weeks, the wrestling team will travel to Woodland Hills for the Pierce Tournament. On Wednesday, Jan. 4 the Monarchs will return from Christmas Vacation to visit East Los Angeles for a 7:30 p.m. match.

Valley's first destination of last week was San Diego, as they fell to Southwestern College 28-14 on Dec. 6.

"Southwestern has a fairly good team this season, but we did not perform up to par," said Coach Bernie Christian.

Ken Davis kept his momentum by defeating his opponent 7-2, while Larry Ervin defeated his opponent 7-1. Jay Ryland started his best week of the year by pinning his opponent in the second period.

Tom Joseph scored the Monarchs final two team points with a 10-10 tie against his Southwestern College foe.

The Monarchs were on the road to Long Beach last Friday as they conquered the Vikings 28-25.

"We had an outstanding performance from the whole squad," mentioned Christian.

After being down 16-0 the Monarchs rose from a overwhelming deficit to a decisive victory. Davis started the flurry with a pin 42 seconds into the first period in his match.

Ervin and Ryland came through with first period pins to give Valley an 18-16 edge.

A major decision in Valley's match against the Vikings was Tom Joseph 13-5 victory. Jeff Lasater pinned his man with one second left in the second period.

After their impressive victory over Long Beach the Monarchs traveled the next day to Cal State Fullerton for Fullerton's Tournament.

Valley performed well in a "tough" tournament, as Joseph took second in the 167 pound weight class, and Lasater took fourth in the 177 pound weight class, but Ryland performed well with 2-2 record in the tournament.

Sports Menu

(For the weeks of Dec. 15-Jan. 4)

BASKETBALL—Dec. 15, 16, and 17, Valley at Chaffey Invitational, All Day; Dec. 20, Glendale at Valley, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 22, Valley at Moorpark, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 28, 29, and 30, Valley at College of Desert Invitational at Palm Springs, All Day; Jan. 3, Alumni at Valley, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING—Dec. 16, Valley at Pierce for the Pierce Tournament, All Day; Jan. 4, Valley at East Los Angeles, 7:30 p.m.

Coach Praises Water Poloists Following Successful Season

By JOE LOVELL
Assoc. Sports Editor

Trying to sum up "successful" season in one speech is no easy task, but water polo coach Bill Krauss did his best at last week's banquet.

"I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for their desire and dedication throughout the season. Your attitude has made this a very enjoyable year for me," said Krauss, convincingly.

Valley's aquanuts finished in a third-place tie with Hancock in the Metro Conference, behind powerhouse Long Beach, who took third place in the state tournament and hasn't lost a conference match since 1968, and Pasadena City College.

Five players received all-Metro honors, headed by Bill Ancell, who set a school record with 72 goals this season, while being named to the first all-conference team. Steve Stuart made the second team, largely on his 46 goals, 26 assists (another school record), and great defensive play.

Harold Wood (37 goals, 18 assists), Don Adams (28, 14), and Rob Young were recognized for their play with Honorable Mention laurels. Young was a defensive specialist for the Monarchs, and drew a team high 15 ejections for his aggressive play.

"It was great that the other coaches saw what a great job Rob did for us, but I think they over looked two guys that were instrumental in our success," said Krauss.

"Goalie Dave Thompson, who set school records for saves in one game and a season (17 and 154), and Jim Jackman, who also set a school record for assists in one season with 26, and played excellent defense should have received an award."

Ancell and Stuart received unanimous support from their teammates, as the squad voted them Most Outstanding Player and Captain awards, respectively.

Krauss handed out two more trophies, for Most Inspirational Player and Most Improved Player. Goalie Dave Thompson was chosen as the most inspirational poloist.

"Dave's spirit, whether he was playing or rooting from the bench, was an asset to the team," lauded Krauss.

Back up goalie, Mike "Chief" Stachowski, was awarded the most improved trophy. Krauss also singled out Lonnie Turell and Steve Vierra for their consistent play.

Ed Bushman set yet another school record with an incredible .542 shooting average (13 of 24), on 20 or more attempts.

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ARTISTIC VIEWPOINT—Sue Thomas takes time out to explain her works of art on display at Student art sale. Her medium of expression is etching with some works dealing in surrealism. Star Photo by Harry Fisher

Student's Etching on Display in Art Gallery

By DOUG CURRAN
Fine Arts Editor

Displaying her fine touch in the art of etching, Sue Thomas uses a combination of aqua-tint and line etching which gives her work the look of "Cubist Surrealism."

Several of her works are on display at the Student Art Christmas Sale, that ends today.

"My instructor inspired me to explore areas of expression other than realism," Thomas said.

The realm of realism is Thomas' main focal point of artistic expression. She concentrates on still-life drawing and sketching.

"When I look at this etching, (I call it "Nude" for lack of a better expression), the thought of over-eating comes to my mind. Also it reminds me of dreams. I think dreams are an important aspect in Surrealistic Art. Dreams that I've had were the foundations of some of my best works of art," Thomas said.

Fine Arts Happenings

Campus Concert

A campus concert featuring student composers and performers will be held today at 11 a.m. in Monarch Hall. Admission is free.

Opera Theater

"Orpheus in the Underworld" will be performed Dec. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. and again Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. in Valley's Little Theatre. Tonight there will be a special show for Gold Card carriers, who will be admitted free. General admission is $2.50. Students with paid I.D.'s will be charged $1.50. For reservations call 781-0866.

Myriad Objets d'Art on Sale Today In Valley's Christmas Art Exhibit

By LISA RECHETNIK
Assoc. Fine Arts Editor

If you've still got Christmas shopping to do, try to make a point of stopping at the Art Gallery, which is located in the Art Building on campus. Today is the last day of an art sale that has severeal diverse objects d'art to accommodate every price range and span all manner of personal taste.

Gallery hours are from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and again from 6:45 until 9 p.m.

LOOK AT THIS—Students discussing works of art find a kalidoscope of topics at the Student art sale ending today in the art gallery of the art building. Star Photo by Harry Fisher

Three walls are lined with paintings that range from the most abstract designs to the traditional vased bouquet of flowers. Displayed in one corner are ceveral ceramic dishes and pots that Art Club President Phil Lopez says are the best selling items because they are the least expensive.

One wall features two display cases filled with sculptors, among which is a carved wooden hand holding an egg-shaped bulb in which stands a candle. This sells for $45. Also in this case are several pieces of jewelry that include a lovely coral and jet necklace.

However, the most vivid and intricate of work hangs on the center partitions. "Time Waits" shows the finely drawn pieces of a clock partially covering the words "For No Man." A half-eaten banana drawn with dots of ink sits forlornly, creating a universe of desolation around it.

Others run the entire gammut of emotional content, and together make a fascinating art show as well as providing an opportunity to buy personal gifts in accordance with the seasonal tradition.

COMMENTARY

By DOUG CURRAN
Fine Arts Editor

I feel I am missing something from modern art.

It's really the avant garde art I am referring to. I can't enjoy it because I think I don't understand it.

I shouldn't think the individual needs to understand a certain art form to reap enjoyment from it. But at the same time if I have a wrong interpretation of art I therefore miss something in the aesthetic sense of the word.

Here is what I have done in an attempt to alleviate my situation.

First, I sit in front of the alleged piece of art and wait for something to happen. As if by magic, after a few minutes the splashes of color start to move and give light to different patterns.

I think all it takes is time to discern what the modern artist is trying to say in how simple or complex it may be.

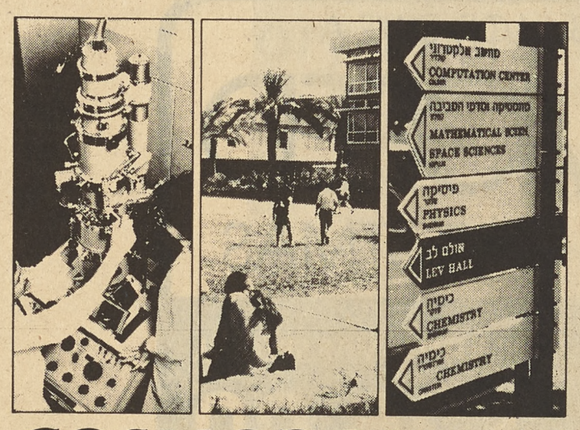
'Damnation Alley' Fails To Make WWIII Explosive . . . Just Boring

By DONNA LAND
Staff Writer

In the first three minutes of "Damnation Alley" we have World War III. Nothing big, mind you—the Russians just decided to send over everything they had and we retaliated with everything we had, the Big Board lights up like a pinball machine and that's all folks. Through it all, the boys in the war room go on drinking coffee and psuhing buttons like it was a giant pong game.

Two years later, our survivors, still ultra cool, decide to head out east in something that looks like an armor plated Oscar Mayer Weinermobile. Again, nothing big Killer cockroaches in Utah, floods in Detroit, the usual. There is no discernable plot and the special effects are the worst I've ever seen since the Roger Corman Plaque a few years ago.

George Peppard seems to have mastered the art of acting while sleeping and Jan-Michael Vincent can't seem to shake that ole White Line Fever. But even World War III can't shake up Dominique Sanda. She asks "are we going to crash?" with all the punch of asking the waiter "is our table ready?"



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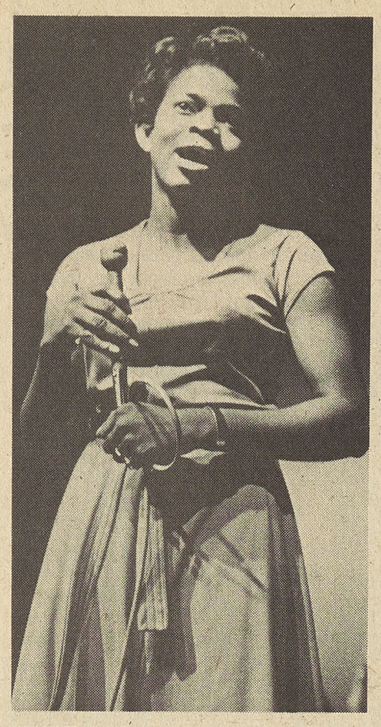
Performers Show Ability

Approximately 250 students turned out Tuesday to see the show "A Talent Extravaganza" in Monarch Hall. Sponsored by Jamaa II, the show was offered as part of the celebration of Black Awareness Week.

The program included dancing, poetry, singing, and scenes from several plays, presented by students at Valley College and members of the community.

Some of the songs and plays centered around the problems that Blacks face in the community. A discussion period by Jon Divens was offered, in which the problems that confront Blacks were outlined and some solutions offered.

The show emcees were Nate Oubre and Leah Stevenson, students at Valley College.



SINGING PRETTY—Verna Pheiffer sings to the audience during the show "A Talent Extravaganza."

Star Photo by David Krushell

Clubs

Senior Students Activities

On Dec. 15, the Senior Students Club will hold a sing-along with Sam Radley, a harmonica player. A Chinatown trip will be held Dec. 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., luncheon will be $4.75. On Dec. 9 through the 23, Bungalow 1 will be a "Toy room" to help under-privileged children.

Hillel Speaker

"Jews in Arab States" will be the subject when author-educator Howard Kaplan speaks today in FL 111 at 11 a.m. A theatre party to see "ZHID," the new piece about Soviet Jewry by the "New Artef Players" will be Saturday Dec. 17.

Bowling Club Party

The Bowling Club will hold a New Years Eve party from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Bowlerland Lanes. There will be free champagne, hats and horns, advance reservations will be $6.50 per person, $7.50 at the door. For further information call James Hyek, sponsor, or Cheryl Cahan, secretary, at 766-7592.

Kirshner . . .

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qualified, but I'm not capable of speaking about Dr. Kirshner's qualifications."

"Minorities and women should have an equal right," said Kirshner, "but not a privileged right.

"I don't believe they use the same standards for selection when dealing with a White male," Kirshner said.

"Promotions on this campus are not based on planning and advanced degrees, but rather seem to occur by accident," he said.

Kirshner said that although he did not know about all of Aker's qualifications, he did know that he has a Ph.D. in education, that he has been chairman of a department, that he has had some of his work published, that he has seniority, and that he has had experience working in the Learning Center.

The final selection for this position was made by Dr. Alice Thurston, president of Valley, based on the recommendations of the committee.

Test Schedule Set

The date of your final examination for the Fall Semester 1977 is determined by the first day and the first hour your class meets.

CLASSES MEET AT:	day & Time of Exam
7 or 7:30 a.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 27—9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 26—9 a.m.
8 or 8:30 a.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 25—9 a.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan 26—9 a.m.
9 or 9:30 a.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 18—9 a.m.
Tues., or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 19—9 a.m.
10 or 10:30 a.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 20—9 a.m.
Tues., or Thurs.	Tues., Jan. 24—9 a.m.
11 or 11:30 a.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Mon., Jan. 23—9 a.m.
12 or 12:30 p.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Mon., Jan. 23—1 p.m.
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1 or 1:30 p.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 25—1 p.m.
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2 or 2:30 p.m.—Mon., Wed., or Fri.	Wed., Jan. 18—1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Thurs., Jan. 19—1 p.m.
3 or 3:30 p.m.—Mon., Wed. or Fri.	Fri., Jan. 20—1 p.m.
Tues. or Thurs.	Fri., Jan. 27—1 p.m.

Classes which meet only one day per week (modular classes) will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

Classes of less than a semester's length will have their final exam at the last class meeting.

All 4 p.m. classes follow evening final exam schedule.

In case of any conflicts, or to schedule a makeup exam, see your instructor.

AFT Hopes To End Conflict With District

By GERALD SITSER
Staff Writer

Friday will be the big showdown on contract negotiations between the District and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), who hope by then to have a contract ready to present for faculty ratification, according to William Doyle, assistant executive secretary for the guild.

Representatives from both sides have met every day this week in an effort to resolve the three remaining issues facing the negotiating team: student load, grievance procedures, and salary. In a faculty meeting at Valley College Tuesday, teachers openly argued about these concerns, making plain the significance of the three issues left unsettled.

However, says Doyle, the three-year contract is already shaping up considerably, with only three problems still to be negotiated out of 94 pages. "The work accomplished so far," said Doyle, "has been impressive."

According to an AFT bulletin released Tuesday, the contract should be avilable for ratification by district teachers on Friday. But faculty at Valley are not so confident. At the Tuesday meeting, Sylvia Lubow, associate professor of history and member of the negotiating team, distributed to the teachers a sheet for their phone numbers whereby they would be called downtown to vote on ratification only if the negotiations reached that point.

Of primary concern to the teachers is an increase in salary, scheduled for September but delayed due to the contract negotiations which had begun last July. Since September, instructors in the district have not received their last three and a half paychecks, losing interest on the money as well, which won't be payed the teachers until ratification of the contract.

AFT negotiaters have asked the district for a 6.7 percent increase retroactive to the beginning of the school year. Otherwise, a straight increase of 11.4 percent must be payed from Jan. 1 to make up for the loss, claim Valley teachers. The District has, as of Tuesday, offered the AFT only an eight percent increase.

Student load per instructor is another issue confronting negotiaters. AFT directed its negotiators to set a limit of 450 student-contact hours each week. A greater load, claims the guild, would deprive students of the complete education due them.

The District has, in the past, penalized teachers for not meeting the load requirement, said Valley faculty, by such action as adding a class to the instructors schedule. AFT has requested, and received, a retraction of any such act if it is made.

At the Tuesday meeting on campus, several Valley teachers voiced support for any necessary delay in ratification should negotiations not be completed by Friday. The delay, they explained, would avoid any possible haste involved with a pressured contract agreement.

Reading Score Drop Causes Lowering of College Standards

By LORNA BATTLE
Staff Writer

According to the reading scores of the state testing program, second, third, sixth, and twelfth grade students' reading abilities are lower as a whole in the state of California.

Because of this, professors at Valley College will once again take on the task of teaching the "illiterate" high school graduate.

These students, unable to read at the level they should be at, are stepping into community college life expecting to be educated and sent on to universities or into careers.

Counselors at community colleges such as Valley, must attempt to channel these students into classes and programs geared to their learning inabilities, such as Psychology 2, 23, and 26 that teach reading skills, and study programs at the Learning Center that deal with remedial reading.

Unfortunately, the counseling department does not have a captive audience in the students, and cannot force them to take classes designed for the student with poor reading skills.

After these students select classes for their particular interest and for transferable units, many become discouraged and drop out.

Teachers at Valley say they are attempting to give a quality education, but are hindered by the necessity to drop their standards to keep people in school, and teach two or three educational levels within one classroom.

According to the reading scores, the problem begins with the elementary schools, as early as the second grade.

There are usually 30 to 40 pupils to a teacher, and usually a child with a reading problem is shunted on to the next overpopulated classroom until he is graduated from high school deficient in reading skills.

Standards

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professor of psychology, said, "The grading system stinks. It is wrought with inconsistency, inadequacy, and hypocricy."

Although Saltzman agreed with most of the committee's report, he said he felt the overall focus of the committee was externalizing the problem of low academic standards.

The central reason, said Saltzman, "Is the failure on the part of many teachers to give good education. Many teachers are inadequate in the classroom. This the committee missed."

"To conclude that students' intelligence is any less than what it has been, is much too premature," said Saltzman.

"Students are not dumber, but are brighter," said Saltzman. "They are more aware and intellectually sophisticated, even though reading scores don't indicate that.

"If teachers are good they will retain students," Saltzman said.

"I would have liked the committee to give more attention to the individual responsibility of teachers in the classroom," Saltzman said.

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